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SUBJECT:1978 SUMMER ECOSOC: IMPLEMENTATION BY UN AGENCIES
OF DECLARATION ON GRANTING INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUN-
TRIES AND PEOPLES.

REF:A)GENEVA 10308; B) 10283; C) STATE 163800 (77); D)
STATE 172372 (78); E) GENEVA 6202 (77).

1. AS YOU WILL SEE FROM REFTEL (D) (CLEARED POSITION PAPER
ON ASSISTANCE TO NLMS) DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED THAT WE MAKE
CLEAR OUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE UN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE
WHICH IS CHANNLED THROUGH NLMS AND MAY BE USED BY THEM AS
A TOOL FOR GAINING A MONOPOLY ON POLITICAL POWER OR EVEN
IN SUPPORT OF THEIR MILITARY EFFORT. DELEGATION MAY
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PARTICIPATE IN CONSENSUS ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION (REF B) .
OUR STATEMENT OF RESERVATIONS MUST BE MORE EXPLICIT THAN
LAST YEAR'S (REF E) OR THAN THAT CONTAINED IN REF (A).

2. FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN U.S. STATEMENT:

-- SYMPATHY WITH ASPIRATIONS OF PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND

NAMIBIA AND SUPPORT FOR IMMEDIATE PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE.

-- SUPPORT FOR ASSISTANCE OF A HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENTAL NATURE WHICH WILL ASSIST THESE PEOPLES AND PROMOTE A PEACEFUL TRANSITION AND THE PROSPERITY OF AN INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA.

-- NEED FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL QUALIFIED PERSONS WITHOUT REGARD FOR POLITICAL AFFILIATION WHO USE IT FOR LEGITIMATE NON-MILITARY ENDS.

-- UN ASSISTANCE MUST BE STRICTLY CONTROLLED AND MONITORED BY THE AGENCY INVOLVED AND MUST BE STRICTLY IN ACCORD WITH THE CHARTER OF THAT ORGANIZATION.

-- UN AGENCIES SHOULD ASSURE THAT THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES ARE SET UP SO AS TO GUARANTEE IN PRACTICE ADHERENCE TO THE ABOVE PRINCIPLES.

-- SOUND BUDGETARY PRACTICE IS ESSENTIAL AND OVER-COMMITMENT OF RESOURCES WILL BENEFIT NO ONE.

3. DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK SUPPORT FROM OTHER WEO'S FOR THESE POSITIONS. ALSO DELEGATION SHOULD ATTEMPT TO GET LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGENCY HEADS TO MAKE SIMILAR STATEMENTS STRESSING THE LIMITATIONS THEIR CHARTER AND MANDATE PLACES ON THEIR AGENCY AND MAKING THE POINT THAT THEY MUST RETAIN CONTROL OVER THE ASSISTANCE RENDERED.

4. IF A VOTE IS CALLED FOR ON THIS RESOLUTION, DELEGATION SHOULD ABSTAIN AND MAKE A STATEMENT WHICH EMPHASIZES MORE STRONGLY OUR SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL CHANGE AND RACIAL PROGRESS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA BUT STATES OUR RESERVATIONS ALONG THE ABOVE LINES. VANCE

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